



THE THURGOOD MARSHALL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM – FAQS

What is it?

The Thurgood Marshall Clerkship Program is a collaborative effort of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, several local law firms, and area law schools designed to attract diverse law students who demonstrate exceptional leadership potential to the field of public service. The goal is to encourage these students to consider public sector service during their legal careers by providing them with an excellent summer internship that enhances their future employment opportunities.

How do interested candidates apply?

In addition to a resume and application form, applicants must submit an essay articulating their commitment to equality and diversity. The essay should also provide an example of how they have overcome a social and/or economic disadvantage. Additional considerations, include, but are not limited to, an applicant's demonstrated commitment to public service, whether the applicant is a first-generation law graduate, and extracurricular activities, honors, and awards.

How does the program work?

Selected participants will serve in one of the several divisions of the Office of the Attorney General. The clerkship program is 8-weeks and law clerks are expected to work 40 hours per week. Law Clerks are also expected to attend all Program related events which will be communicated prior to the start of the program.

Are accepted students paid?

Each student will receive a \$3,300 stipend for the summer clerkship.

How do I submit an application?

The application can be found on the Office of the Attorney General's website. Applications, essays and resumes must be submitted by email to Tiffany Harvey, at tharvey@oag.state.md.us no later than 5:30 p.m. on January 1, 2016. In the event that your school has not released your transcript by January 1st, an official copy of your transcript must be submitted within one week of its availability.

When will offers be made?

Semifinalists will be invited for an interview before final selections are made. Offers will be made by February 12, 2016 but offers will be contingent upon receipt and review of your official law school transcript. Questions about the program or application process can be directed to Tiffany Harvey at the email address listed above.

Which law firms are participating in the Thurgood Marshall Opportunity Program?

Beveridge & Diamond, PC; Gordon Feinblatt LLC; Miles & Stockbridge, PC; Saul Ewing, LLP; and Whiteford, Taylor, Preston, LLP.